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<i>In re Matter of Application Serial No. 85/587,643 for the trademark <b>HINT</b> in Class 26</i>  Hint, Incorporated,  Opposer,  v.  Sunrise Apparel Group, LLC,  Applicant.	Opposition No. 91-212521  <b>STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER</b>
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**PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTING  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION  
REVEALED DURING BOARD PROCEEDING**

Information disclosed by any party or non-party witness during this proceeding may be considered confidential, a trade secret, or commercially sensitive by a party or witness. To preserve the confidentiality of the information so disclosed, **either** the parties have agreed to be bound by the terms of this order, in its standard form or as modified by agreement, and by any additional provisions to which they may have agreed and attached to this order, **or** the Board has ordered that the parties be bound by the provisions within. As used in this order, the term “information” covers both oral testimony and documentary material.

Agreement of the parties is indicated by the signatures of the parties’ attorneys and/or the parties themselves at the conclusion of the order. Imposition of the terms by the Board is indicated by signature of a Board attorney or Administrative Trademark Judge at the conclusion of the order. If the parties have signed the order, they may have created a contract. The terms are binding from the date the parties or their attorneys sign the order, in standard form or as modified or supplemented, or from the date of imposition by a Board attorney or judge.

**TERMS OF ORDER**

**1) Classes of Protected Information.**

The Rules of Practice in Trademark Cases provide that all inter partes proceeding files, as well as the involved registration and application files, are open to public inspection. The terms of this order are not to be used to undermine public access to files. When appropriate, however, a party or witness, on its own or through its attorney, may seek to protect the confidentiality of information by employing one of the following designations.

**Confidential**—Material to be shielded by the Board from public access.

**Highly Confidential**—Material to be shielded by the Board from public access and subject to agreed restrictions on access even as to the parties and/or their attorneys.

**Trade Secret/Commercially Sensitive**—Material to be shielded by the Board from public access, restricted from any access by the parties, and available for review by outside counsel for the parties and, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, by independent experts or consultants for the parties.

**2) Information Not to Be Designated as Protected.**

Information may not be designated as subject to any form of protection if it (a) is, or becomes, public knowledge, as shown by publicly available writings, other than through violation of the terms of this document; (b) is acquired by a non-designating party or non-party witness from a third party lawfully possessing such information and having no obligation to the owner of the information; (c) was lawfully possessed by a non-designating party or non-party witness prior to the opening of discovery in this proceeding, and for which there is written evidence of the lawful possession; (d) is disclosed by a non-designating party or non-party witness legally compelled to disclose the information; or (e) is disclosed by a non-designating party with the approval of the designating party.

**3) Access to Protected Information.**

The provisions of this order regarding access to protected information are subject to modification by written agreement of the parties or their attorneys, or by motion filed with and approved by the Board.

Judges, attorneys, and other employees of the Board are bound to honor the parties' designations of information as protected but are not required to sign forms acknowledging the terms and existence of this order. Court reporters, stenographers, video technicians or others who may be employed by the parties or their attorneys to perform services incidental to this proceeding will be bound only to the extent that the parties or their attorneys make it a condition of employment or obtain agreements from such individuals, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.

- **Parties** are defined as including individuals, officers of corporations, partners of partnerships, and management employees of any type of business organization.
- **Attorneys** for parties are defined as including **in-house counsel** and **outside counsel**, including support staff operating under counsel's direction, such as paralegals or legal assistants, secretaries, and any other employees or independent contractors operating under counsel's instruction.
- **Independent experts or consultants** include individuals retained by a party for purposes related to prosecution or defense of the proceeding, but who are not otherwise employees of, retained consultants of, or otherwise affiliated with, either the party or its attorneys.

- **Non-party witnesses** include any individuals to be deposed during discovery or trial, whether willingly or under subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction over the witness.

**Parties** and their **attorneys** shall have access to information designated as **confidential** or **highly confidential**, subject to any agreed exceptions.

**Outside counsel, but not in-house counsel**, shall have access to information designated as **trade secret/commercially sensitive**.

**Independent experts or consultants, non-party witnesses, and any other individual** not otherwise specifically covered by the terms of this order may be afforded access to **confidential** or **highly confidential** information in accordance with the terms that follow in paragraph 4. Further, **independent experts or consultants** may have access to **trade secret/commercially sensitive** information if such access is agreed to by the parties or ordered by the Board, in accordance with the terms that follow in paragraphs 4 and 5.

#### **4) Disclosure to Any Individual.**

Prior to disclosure of protected information by any party or its attorney to any individual not already provided access to such information by the terms of this order, the individual shall be informed of the existence of this order and provided with a copy to read. The individual will then be required to certify in writing that the order has been read and understood and that the terms shall be binding on the individual. No individual shall receive any protected information until the party or attorney proposing to disclose the information has received the signed certification from the individual. A form for such certification is attached to this order as Exhibit A. The party or attorney receiving the completed form shall retain the original.

#### **5) Disclosure to Independent Experts or Consultants.**

In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph 4, any party or attorney proposing to share disclosed information with an independent expert or consultant must also notify the party which designated the information as protected. Notification must be personally served or forwarded by certified mail, return receipt requested, or overnight courier and shall provide notice of the name, address, occupation and professional background of the expert or independent consultant.

The party or its attorney receiving the notice shall have seven (7) business days to object to disclosure to the expert or independent consultant. The information shall not be disclosed to the expert before the passing of those seven (7) business days. If objection is made, then the parties must negotiate the issue before raising the issue before the Board. If the parties are unable to settle their dispute, then it shall be the obligation of the party or attorney proposing disclosure to bring the matter before the Board with an explanation of the need for disclosure and a report on the efforts the parties have made to settle their dispute. The party objecting to disclosure will be expected to respond with its arguments against disclosure or its objections will be deemed waived.

No disclosure of protected information shall be made unless the person to whom the disclosure is to be made shall first have signed an Acknowledgement of Protective Order in the form attached as Exhibit A.

**6) Responses to Written Discovery.**

Responses to interrogatories under Federal Rule 33 and requests for admissions under Federal Rule 36, and which the responding party reasonably believes to contain protected information shall be prominently stamped or marked with the appropriate designation from paragraph 1. Any inadvertent disclosure without appropriate designation shall be remedied as soon as the disclosing party learns of its error, by informing all adverse parties, in writing, of the error. The parties should inform the Board only if necessary because of the filing of protected information not in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12.

**7) Production of Documents.**

If a party responds to requests for production under Federal Rule 34 by making copies and forwarding the copies to the inquiring party, then the copies shall be prominently stamped or marked, as necessary, with the appropriate designation from paragraph 1. If the responding party makes documents available for inspection and copying by the inquiring party, all documents shall be considered protected during the course of inspection. After the inquiring party informs the responding party what documents are to be copied, the responding party will be responsible for prominently stamping or marking the copies with the appropriate designation from paragraph 1. Any inadvertent disclosure without appropriate designation shall be remedied as soon as the disclosing party learns of its error, by informing all adverse parties, in writing, of the error. The parties should inform the Board only if necessary because of the filing of protected information not in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12.

**8) Depositions.**

Protected documents produced during a discovery deposition, or offered into evidence during a testimony deposition shall be orally noted as such by the producing or offering party at the outset of any discussion of the document or information contained in the document. In addition, the documents must be prominently stamped or marked with the appropriate designation.

During discussion of any non-documentary protected information, the interested party shall make oral note of the protected nature of the information.

The transcript of any deposition and all exhibits or attachments shall be considered protected for thirty (30) days following the date of service of the transcript by the party that took the deposition. During that thirty (30) day period, either party may designate the portions of the transcript, and any specific exhibits or attachments, that are to be treated as protected, by electing the appropriate designation from paragraph 1. Appropriate stampings or markings should be made during this time. If no such designations are made, then the entire transcript and exhibits will be considered unprotected.

**9) Filing Notices of Reliance.**

When a party or its attorney files a notice of reliance during the party's testimony period, the party or attorney is bound to honor designations made by the adverse party or attorney, or non-party witness, who disclosed the information, so as to maintain the protected status of the information.

**10) Briefs.**

When filing briefs, memoranda, or declarations in support of a motion, or briefs at final hearing, the portions of these filings that discuss protected information, whether information of the filing party, or any adverse party, or any non-party witness, should be redacted. The rule of reasonableness for redaction is discussed in paragraph 12 of this order.

**11) Handling of Protected Information.**

Disclosure of information protected under the terms of this order is intended only to facilitate the prosecution or defense of this case. The recipient of any protected information disclosed in accordance with the terms of this order is obligated to maintain the confidentiality of the information and shall exercise reasonable care in handling, storing, using or disseminating the information.

**12) Redaction; Filing Material With the Board.**

When a party or attorney must file protected information with the Board, or a brief that discusses such information, the protected information or portion of the brief discussing the same should be redacted from the remainder. A rule of reasonableness should dictate how redaction is effected.

Redaction can entail merely covering a portion of a page of material when it is copied in anticipation of filing but can also entail the more extreme measure of simply filing the entire page under seal as one that contains primarily confidential material. If only a sentence or short paragraph of a page of material is confidential, covering that material when the page is copied would be appropriate. In contrast, if most of the material on the page is confidential, then filing the entire page under seal would be more reasonable, even if some small quantity of non-confidential material is then withheld from the public record. Likewise, when a multi-page document is in issue, reasonableness would dictate that redaction of the portions or pages containing confidential material be effected when only some small number of pages contain such material. In contrast, if almost every page of the document contains some confidential material, it may be more reasonable to simply submit the entire document under seal. **Occasions when a whole document or brief must be submitted under seal should be very rare.**

Protected information, and pleadings, briefs or memoranda that reproduce, discuss or paraphrase such information, shall be filed with the Board under seal. The envelopes or containers shall be prominently stamped or marked with a legend in substantially the following form:

## **CONFIDENTIAL**

***This envelope contains documents or information that are subject to a protective order or agreement. The confidentiality of the material is to be maintained and the envelope is not to be opened, or the contents revealed to any individual, except by order of the Board.***

If the material cannot be stamped or marked, it will be designated in a matter to be agreed upon by the parties.

### **13) Acceptance of Information; Inadvertent Disclosure.**

Acceptance by a party or its attorney of information disclosed under designation as protected shall not constitute an admission that the information is, in fact, entitled to protection. The inadvertent or unintentional disclosure by a producing party or nonparty of “Confidential,” “Highly Confidential” or “Trade Secret/Commercially Sensitive” information or documents during the course of this litigation, regardless of whether the information was so designated at the time of disclosure, shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of a party’s or nonparty’s claim of confidentiality, either as to the specific information disclosed or as to any other information relating thereto or on the same or related subject matter. Counsel for the parties and/or nonparties shall in any event, to the extent possible, upon discovery of inadvertent error, cooperate to restore the confidentiality of the “Confidential,” “Highly Confidential” or “Trade Secret/Commercially Sensitive” material that was inadvertently or unintentionally disclosed in accordance with paragraph 14 *infra*.

In addition to the procedures laid out in FRCP 26(b)(5)(B), if the receiving party receives discovery that is marked or identified as, or is otherwise clearly protected as, attorney-client privileged or work product material, the receiving party shall promptly return it to the producing party, regardless of whether the producing party requested it. Return of the document by the receiving party shall not necessarily constitute an admission or concession, or permit any inference, that the returned document is, in fact, properly subject to a claim of attorney-client privilege or work product immunity, nor shall it foreclose any party from moving the Board for an Order that such document has been improperly designated or should be producible for reasons other than a waiver caused by the inadvertent production.

### **14) Challenges to Designations of Information as Protected.**

If the parties or their attorneys disagree as to whether certain information should be protected, they are obligated to negotiate in good faith regarding the designation by the disclosing party. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences, the party challenging the designation may make a motion before the Board seeking a determination of the status of the information.

A challenge to the designation of information as protected must be made substantially contemporaneous with the designation, or as soon as practicable after the basis for challenge is known. When a challenge is made long after a designation of information as protected, the challenging party will be expected to show why it could not have made the challenge at an earlier time.

The party designating information as protected will, when its designation is timely challenged, bear the ultimate burden of proving that the information should be protected.

**15) Board's Jurisdiction; Handling of Materials After Termination.**

The Board's jurisdiction over the parties and their attorneys ends when this proceeding is terminated. A proceeding is terminated only after a final order is entered and either all appellate proceedings have been resolved or the time for filing an appeal has passed without filing of any appeal.

The parties may agree that archival copies of evidence and briefs may be retained, subject to compliance with agreed safeguards. Otherwise, within 30 days after the final termination of this proceeding, the parties and their attorneys shall return to each disclosing party the protected information disclosed during the proceeding, and shall include any briefs, memoranda, summaries, and the like, which discuss or in any way refer to such information. In the alternative, the disclosing party or its attorney may make a written request that such materials be destroyed rather than returned.

**16) Other Rights of the Parties and Attorneys.**

This order shall not preclude the parties or their attorneys from making any applicable claims of privilege during discovery or at trial. Nor shall the order preclude the filing of any motion with the Board for relief from a particular provision of this order or for additional protections not provided by this order.

**By Agreement of the  
Following, effective**

January 28, 2014  
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AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

SHEPPARD MULLIN RICHTER HAMPTON, LLP

Dated: November 10, 2014

/s/ Jill M. Pietrini  
Jill M. Pietrini  
*Attorneys for Applicant Sunrise Apparel Group, LLC*

Dated: November 10, 2014

/s/ Lori S. Kozak  
Lori S. Kozak  
*Attorneys for Opposer Hint, Incorporated*

**By Order of the Board, effective**

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**TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1. I have been asked by \_\_\_\_\_ or its or his, as the case may be, counsel to receive and review certain materials or testimony that have been designated as “Confidential,” “Highly Confidential,” or “Trade Secret/Commercially Sensitive” within the terms of the Protective Order entered in the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board matter entitled *Hint Incorporated v. Sunrise Apparel Group, LLC*, Opp. No. 91-212521.
2. I have been provided a copy of the aforementioned Protective Order.
3. I have read the aforementioned Protective Order, and agree to be bound by it. Specifically, I agree to hold in confidence any information or documents subject to the provisions of the Protective Order.
4. Upon termination of this action, I will return all “Confidential,” “Highly Confidential,” or “Trade Secret/Commercially Sensitive” information which came into my possession, and all documents or things which I prepared relating thereto, to counsel, or I will

destroy all such documents, or I will keep all such documents in a file that is not publicly accessible.

5. I declare the foregoing is true under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF FILING**

I hereby certify that **APPLICANT SUNRISE APPAREL GROUP, LLC'S STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER** is being transmitted electronically to Commissioner of Trademarks, Attn: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board through ESTTA pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §2.195(a), on this 10th day of November, 2014.

/s/LaTrina Martin  
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LaTrina Martin

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that **APPLICANT SUNRISE APPAREL GROUP, LLC'S STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, first class mail, in an envelope addressed to:

Lori S. Kozak  
BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP  
12400 Wilshire Blvd., 7th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1040

on this 10th day of November, 2014.

/s/LaTrina Martin  
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